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Note by the Secretariat

Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs

By a letter dated 28 January 1991 addressed to the Secretary-General, the Chairman of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on behalf of the Bureau of the Commission, has conveyed the considered opinion of the Bureau that it would be necessary to establish an Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to meet simultaneously with the Commission for four or five days, in order to enable the Commission to consider ways and means and of improving its functioning as a policy-making body, to report its recommendations to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1991, pursuant to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolution 45/179, and to assist the Commission to carry out its other business.

In this regard, the Chairman of the Commission has drawn attention to rule 21, paragraph 1, of the Rules of Procedure of the Functional Commissions of the Economic and Social Council which authorizes a Commission, in consultation with the Secretary-General, to set up during a session such committees or working groups, composed of members of the Commission, as are deemed necessary and to refer to them any questions on the agenda for study and report. The Chairman of the Commission has further indicated that it would be essential for interpretation to be provided during meetings of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole in all six languages and has requested that such interpretation be provided for 8-10 meetings of the proposed Ad Hoc Committee during the forthcoming thirty-fourth session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs.

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Finally, the Chairman has asked that, if required, the matter should be submitted for approval to the Economic and Social Council at its organizational session of 1991.